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The targets for power generation are fixed on annual basis for the next year. The tentative targets of power generation in Private Sector in the country for the year 2007-08 are given below:

Category	Generation Target (MU)
Thermal	53070
Hydro	5360
TOTAL:	58430

(c) The main reasons for low generation in respect of Private Sector Projects have been on account of shortage of gas and high cost of liquid fuel for the stations running on NAPHTHA & HSD.

Swap agreement by NTPC with Nigeria

2988. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether NTPC has entered into an agreement with Nigeria to set up a 700 MW gas-fired plant in lieu of 3 million tonnes of LNG per annum;

(b) if so, the details of the 'swap agreement' between NTPC and the Government of Nigeria; and

(c) to what extent the gas that NTPC is going to get from Nigeria help its gas-starving plants and NTPC's expansion plans?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE): (a) and (b) No, Sir. Presently, a draft MOU is under discussion with Government of Nigeria on energy cooperation wherein NTPC has proposed to include setting up Coal/Gas based power project in Nigeria subject to supply of LNG by Government of Nigeria for use in NTPC Plants in India.

(c) The actual usage at NTPC's existing and new stations will depend upon the time-frame of actual supplies of LNG.